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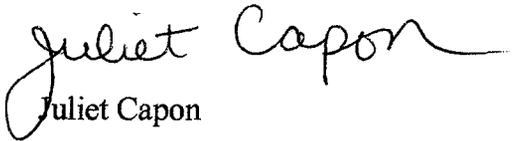
Commissioner
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Commissioner:

I am writing to you today to ask that you grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for consumption. Animals that are too sick to stand or move on their own put American consumers at risk and should not be permitted to enter the human food chain. Not only do these sick animals pose a risk to our own health, but there is no humane way to move a downed animal to slaughter—they are typically pushed, dragged, or forklifted, which in turn causes further injury ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, so there is no need for the risky business of dragging these sickly animals to slaughter to continue. Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,


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